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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CALTRANS/SLO COUNTY TO CELEBRATE HWY.101/WILLOW ROAD PROJECT

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY – A ribbon cutting/groundbreaking for the Willow Road extension to Hetrick Avenue and the Hwy. 101/Willow Road Interchange Project will be held on Friday, June 10 at 11:30 at the intersection of Willow Road and Hetrick Avenue in Nipomo.

The extension of Willow Road from Pomeroy Road to Hetrick Avenue will be completed this month. The contractor is Raminha Construction Incorporated of Atascadero. Roadwork is now underway to extend Willow Road from Hetrick Avenue to Hwy. 101 where a full interchange will be built. Willow Road will also be extended to Thompson Road. This phase of the project is expected to be completed in December of 2012 establishing a direct link on the Nipomo Mesa from Hwy. 1 to Hwy. 101.

The contractor for the interchange project is Granite Construction of Santa Maria, CA. This project is being administered by the County of San Luis Obispo, under permit from Caltrans. The San Luis Obispo Council of Government's (SLOCOG) also provided support for this project.

Caltrans reminds motorists that 'we're here to get you there'.

For traffic updates on other state highways in San Luis Obispo County, motorists can call Caltrans District 5 Public Affairs at (805) 549-3318 or visit the District 5 website at:www.dot.ca.gov/dist/05/maint/road/upslo.htm







